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( SS:  
COUNTY OF PIERCE )

Morris Littman, of lawful age, being duly sworn and under oath, states:

My name is [Morris Littman], my rank is [Corporal], my serial number is 6995757, my permanent address is 236 Bainbridge Street, Philadelphia, Pa. I am a graduate of high school and am 24 years of age. I entered the military service of the United States on 9 October 1939 and was shipped overseas on 8 June 1940 and was returned to the United States on 12 October 1945.

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Colonel Matsuda was the camp commander of the camp at Mukden, Manchuria. He wore a small goatee mustache, about 5'2" in height, weight 125 pounds, about 55 years of age. He had a real high pitched voice.

Cpl. NODA, a Japanese regular army guard, was born and raised at Berkeley, California and attended the University of California at Berkeley, was about 5'8" in height, weight about 155 pounds, about 28 years of age.

Lt. MICKI, regular Japanese Army Officer, was about 5'9½" in height, weight about 150, about 33 years of age.

[Along about the middle of April 1943 three of the Americans at Camp Mukden escaped from the camp and were not missed by the Japanese guards until roll call the following morning. Each of the three men were from separate barracks. I don't recall their names. The three men were absent from camp for about three days before they were caught by the Japanese and returned to camp. I saw the men when they were returned to the camp. They were walking one behind the other with a guard along the side of them holding them up; I don't think they were able to walk by themselves; one of them had a rag wrapped around his head which was blood soaked; all three of them had their clothing on their backs ripped up and was very bloody; their ankles were chained together and could only take small steps; the chain extended up their back and their hands were chained together. We went on to work in the factory that day and later on in the day the guards brought them out to camp and tried to make them pick out the Americans who had helped them to escape, also the Japanese]

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Witness:

/s/ G. D. HINSON, Jr.  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
15 day of October, 1945, at  
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/s/ Arthur G. Bouley  
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